



Butte County General Plan 2030 Guiding Principles

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1. Principle: Cooperative Planning

Through the Butte County General Plan and the incorporated cities General Plan update process, the County will partner with incorporated cities, special districts and unincorporated communities on important regional planning issues.

2. Principle: Circulation

Transportation (all modes) is an important element of the General Plan that will be coordinated with all of the transportation planning agencies.

3. Principle: Growth/Urban Development/Housing

The General Plan shall address areas of urban development for anticipated growth during the next 20 years to meet the housing needs of Butte County residents.

4. Principle: Airport Land Use Planning

The General Plan will protect the County airports in coordination with the 2000 Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

5. Principle: Natural Resources and Environment

The General Plan shall address the protection, enhancement, utilization and management of Natural Resources and the Environment. .

6. Principle: Public Health and Safety

The General Plan will promote the public's health, safety and welfare.

7. Principle: Economic Development

The General Plan will play a critical role in establishing a positive environment for economic development.

8. Principle: Agriculture

The General Plan shall address agriculture as an important aspect of Butte County's economy that will be protected, maintained, promoted and enhanced.

9. Principle: Rural Development

The General Plan shall identify appropriate locations and the type of growth that will occur in rural areas while protecting the integrated benefits of agricultural resources, natural resources, and the environment.

10. Principle: Recreational Opportunities and Protection of Cultural Resources

The General Plan shall address the need for new parks and recreation opportunities. Cultural resources that are significant to Butte County's history will be identified and protected.

11. Principle: Sustainability

The General Plan shall address, identify and promote ways to maintain or enhance economic opportunity, viability and community well-being while protecting and restoring the natural environment.

12. Principle: Public Services

The General Plan will address where and how the full array of public services and/or facilities will be provided to the varied and diverse geography of the county.

13. Principle: Water Resources

The General Plan shall address the protection and management of water resources.